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Service condition of beedy workers

* 134 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government received any report from the Special Officer appointed to go into the service conditions of beedy workers; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The report together with the orders of the Government on the recommendations of the special officers will be printed and placed on the table of the House in due course.

* 135 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 7th March 1956 to a supplementary question on question No. 3312—

(*a*) whether the Special Officer appointed by the Government to enquire into the conditions of the beedy industry and beedi workers in the State has submitted his report to the Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will place a copy of the report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to Question No. 134 by Sri N. K. Palanisamy, M.L.A.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know whether the Hon. Minister is in a position to convey to the House some of the recommendations made by the Special Officer who was appointed to go into the services conditions of beedi workers? May I also know when the Government are going to bring forward legislation, based on the recommendations made by the Special Officer? The Hon. Minister gave an assurance on the floor of the House that he would be bringing in some legislation in that connection. I would request the Hon. Minister to have a special sitting of the Assembly if necessary for considering such a legislation as early as possible.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no personal knowledge about the contents of this report. The recommendations have been forwarded to the Commissioner of Labour for his comments. As soon as his comments are received, the Government will go into the question of the action to be taken, particularly about the legislation that should be undertaken. But, I am not sure whether it will be possible to introduce this legislation before 1st November.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : When the enquiry conducted by Sri Natarajan, Special Officer appointed to go into the service conditions of beedi workers was proceeding, big beedi factory

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owners in Vellore, Gudiyatham and Vaniambadi formed themselves into an association and forced other beedi factory owners to adopt the branch system with a view to evading the provisions of the Factories Act? May I know whether the Government will take steps to see that such torpedoing of the provisions of the Act is prevented?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : பீடித் தொழிலில் கணிசமான அளவுக்கு தொழிலாளர்கள் வேலைக்கு நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். பீடித் தொழிலாளர்களுடைய ஊதிய நிலைமையைப் பரிசீலித்து சர்க்காரிடம் ரிபோர்ட்டு சமர்ப்பித்திருப்பதாகச் சொல்லப்படுகிறது. குறைந்தபட்ச ஊதிய (மாகாண) போர்டிலேகூட அவர்களுக்கு ஊதியம் நிர்ணயிப்பதில் சட்ட சம்பந்தமாக சிரமம் இருப்பதாகத் தெரிவதால், மேற்கண்ட ரிபோர்ட்டை வெளியிடுவதற்கும், பீடித் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு நல்லதொரு சம்பள விகிதத்தை நிர்ணயிப்பதற்கும் அரசாங்கம் சட்டம் கொண்டுவருவதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் முடிவு செய்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இதுபற்றி முடிவான நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்வதில் தவிர்க்கக்கூடிய தாமதம் ஒன்றும் இராது என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்கு தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

Establishment of industrial estates

* 136 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any industrial estates have been established in the State for stimulating the growth of small industries; and

(b) the amount allotted for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The Government are taking steps to establish Industrial Estates at Guindy and Virudhunagar and Small Industrial Estates at Palghat and Erode to stimulate the growth of small industries.

(b) The estimated expenditure on account of the establishment of these estates is as follows :—

	RS.
Industrial Estate, Guindy	51,40,461
Industrial Estate, Virudhunagar	21,23,068
Industrial Colony, Palghat	11,36,009
Industrial Colony, Erode	6,89,589

The Government of India have agreed to sanction the entire amount as a loan to this Government.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether these industrial estates have been set up and whether they are functioning?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All preliminary steps have been taken to establish these industrial estates. I may tell the hon. Member that no industrial estate has yet started functioning.